

Task Force Meeting No. 30 Synopsis December 14, 2009

Task Force Members Present*:

Jackie Adams, Teresa Alvarado, Shiloh Ballard, Michele Beasley, Judy Chirco, Gary Chronert, Brian Darrow, Pat Dando, Harvey Darnell, Dave Fadness, Enrique Fernandez, Leslee Hamilton, Sam Ho, Nancy Ianni, Lisa Jensen, Frank Jesse, Charles Lauer, Karl Lee, Linda LeZotte, Sam Liccardo, Pierluigi Oliverio, David Pandori, Dick Santos, Patricia Sausedo, Erik Schoennauer, Judy Stabile, Neil Struthers, Michael Van Every, Jim Zito.

Task Force Members Absent:

Pastor Oscar Dace, Matt Kamkar, Shirley Lewis, Alofa Talivaa.

City Staff and Other Public Agency Staff Present*

Roma Dawson (D3 Council Office), Peter Hamilton (D9 Council Office), Hans Larsen (DOT), Manuel Pineda (DOT), Paul Ma (DOT), Henry Servin (DOT), Nanci Klein (OED), Wayne Chen (Housing), Joseph Horwedel (PBCE), Laurel Prevetti (PBCE), Susan Walton (PBCE), Michael Brilliot (PBCE), Jenny Nusbaum (PBCE), Lee Butler (PBCE), Perihan Ozdemir (PBCE), John Baty (PBCE).

Public Present*:

Jane Bierstedt; Matt Haynes; Richard Zappelli (WGNA); Alberto Servin; Martin Delson (Save Our Trails); Jon Schuppert; Terri Balandra; John Ristow (VTA); Scott Giddens (WGNA); Larry Ames; Matt Bruensteiner; Trixie Johnson (LWV); Jack Nadeau; Sean Kimball; Kerri Hamilton (CEEJ/Healthy Silicon Valley); June Rono (ESUHSD); Leah Toeniskoetter; Kathryn Mathewson; Jean Dresden

*As verified by registering attendance on Sign-In Sheets.

1. Welcome

The meeting convened at 6:32 p.m.

2. Review and approval of November 23, 2009 synopsis

The synopsis was approved.

3. Transportation Section of General Plan

Michael Brilliot gave an introductory presentation emphasizing the importance of planning for people not just cars and integrating land use and transportation.

Hans Larsen, Acting Director Department of Transportation, provided a presentation that included an overview of: the transportation report by Fehr & Peers; existing and new street typologies; the public transportation system; the bicycle master plan; the City's transportation impact policy; freight routes; land use and transportation goals; analysis and results of General Plan study scenarios; and possible policy actions.

Task Force members noted that Figure 1 in the Draft Circulation Section should be updated to reflect the 3 Creeks Trail update in the Greenprint recently approved by City Council. Task Force members questioned why the telecommuting percentage was low and asked for examples of how the City government could help promote telecommuting. A Task Force member suggested that boat transportation along navigable waterways should be considered. Task Force members expressed concern about some of the bicycle lane cross-sections and the potential for conflicts with car movements and opening doors. Staff indicated that the question about population density targets/standards for optimum transit ridership will be researched for the Task Force. The Task Force had questions and comments about reducing parking requirements, establishing parking maximums, and un-bundling parking. Task Force members supported expanded use of protected intersections and restrictions on new cul-de-sacs. The Task Force proposed several modifications to the draft Circulation goals and policies.

4. Goals, Policies and Implementation Actions

With a grammar correction to one of the policies and defining "sustainable" in the General Plan as including consideration of long-range fiscal, economic, and environmental benefits to the City, Dave Fadness suggested that the Task Force approve the Water Supply goals, policies, and Implementation Actions as revised.

5. Public Comment

Nine members of the public spoke during the public comment period. A member of the public suggested that total transit ridership on VTA is approximately 2-percent of trips and going down. Members of the public suggested that figures in the Draft Circulation Section be updated to reflect the Three Creeks Trail alignment per the recent City Council vote on the Greenprint and the existing bicycle route from Milpitas to Morgan Hill. Comments from the public included support for aggressive transportation mode-split goals, implementing "road diets" to narrow streets, improving/increasing connectivity through trails, and making it easier to transfer between modes of transportation.

6. Task Force Recommendation (vote on motions as needed)

The Task Force approved, with Task Force amendments, the revised Water Supply Goals, Policies and Implementation Actions.

7. Announcements

Susan Walton, Principal Planner, was introduced as a new member of the General Plan Update team. It was noted that Michael Brilliot will continue to participate in the Update process, with his main focus on the Diridon Station Area Plan. Andrew Crabtree noted that the hospital stakeholders group met last week and a summary of that meeting will be provided to the Task Force in 2010.

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.